



Hector De La Torre

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California Redevelopment Association Honors De La Torre as Legislator of the Year

Anaheim, CA— The California Redevelopment Association (CRA) honors Assemblymember De La Torre (D-South Gate) with the Legislator of the Year Award for championing legislation to reform eminent domain.

"We want to honor Assemblymember De La Torre for carrying eminent domain reform legislation and for being such a strong advocate on our behalf during our *Redevelopment: Building Better Communities* conference," said CRA's Executive Director John F. Shirey. "His efforts have allowed our members to have more effective redevelopment practices throughout the state."

The CRA is a non-profit organization that represents more than 350 redevelopment agencies and allied firms statewide in responding to legislative proposals and administrative regulations regarding redevelopment law and activities.

WHO: Hector De La Torre, Assemblymember
John F. Shirey Shirey, Executive Director, California Redevelopment Association
More than 600 developers and members of the CRA

WHAT: CRA Association to honor Assemblymember De La Torre for championing eminent domain reform at their annual conference which informs the attendees about the most effective redevelopment practices, to build stronger working relationships with others in the field, and to encourage them in their very significant work of building.

WHEN: Friday, March 28, 2008
12:30 p.m.

WHERE: The Disneyland Hotel
Anaheim, CA

Background:

Assemblymember De La Torre authored both Assembly Constitutional Amendment 8 which proposes to place before the voters a constitutional amendment that would prohibit or limit the use of eminent domain, and Assembly Bill 887 which would require a redevelopment agency to provide notice of three specified actions to owners and tenants of each parcel of real property within the area that may be subject to acquisition by eminent domain.